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## BAKER ARRIVES IN FRANCE

Will Spend a Short While On  
The American Front in  
France

### INSPECTING OUR WORK

Paris, March 11.—Secretary Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War arrived in Paris this morning. He was received by General Pershing, General Tascarr Bliss of the American chief of staff, the French staff, Premier Clemenceau, Ambassador Sharp and French officers and leading civilians.

Paris, March 11.—The American Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, has arrived at a French port.

Secretary Baker plans to spend a brief time in France, inspecting in person the concrete results already achieved in the efforts of his department in place in the field this year an army that will be at actor in the campaign. On the eve of his departure, Mr. Baker told members of the press who have been in the habit of seeing him every day that he did not expect to be away for any considerable length of time.

The Secretary and his party left Washington without any other attempt at concealment of their movements than a request that the press refrain from reporting his departure. The newspapers again worked in hearty cooperation to make the journey as safe as possible from German submarines or the party. No hint of the trip has been printed.

For several months the War Secretary has been eager to see for himself conditions at the front and to talk over with Gen. Pershing a man upon whom the entire American war program in the full burden of responsibility of France has been placed. The many problems that have arisen to impede the carrying out of the department's plans. It was impossible for Gen. Pershing to come home for such a conference. Mr. Baker, therefore determined after much conferences with President Wilson to go himself on an inspection tour which will, he believes, better fit him for his great responsibility in meeting Gen. Pershing's requirements in fighting men and materials and keeping in operation a supply line more than 3,000 miles long.

It is regarded as probable, too that the Secretary will take the opportunity to inform the American commander in the field very fully as to all the hopes and aims of the government which are at stake in the war.

Mr. Baker is the first member of President Wilson's cabinet to go to the battle zone. Out of his conferences, not only with General Pershing, but with the leaders of the French and British government as well will come direct information for the President as to what a transpiring in the Allied countries to aid him in shaping his future course.

The War Secretary is in Europe as the President's official representative and the fact that it is his War Secretary and not a diplomatic representative is regarded as evidence of the determination of the President to press them at aggressively to victory.

### SAFE CONDUCT FOR COUNT VON LUXBURG TO SWEDEN

Buenos Aires, March 10.—The British government has issued a safe-conduct for Count Von Luxburg, the former German Ambassador to Argentina, to sail for Sweden. He will sail shortly on the steamer Valparaiso. A safe conduct or a medical attendant to accompany Count Von Luxburg was issued, although such a step had been recommended because of the former ambassador's mental condition.

A dispatch from Buenos Aires March 2 said the Argentine government had requested the British minister to obtain a safe conduct for Von Luxburg. The dispatch added that it was understood the American embassy would not object to Von Luxburg being permitted to sail.

### TURNING WARMER

Washington, March 11.—For North Carolina fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday with temperature above freezing tonight, with moderate north-easterly winds.

## NAPLES ITALY IS BOMBED

Missiles Shower Over the City  
And Kill Number of  
Inhabitants

### TWENTY-TWO DROPPED

Rome, March 11.—Naples was attacked by enemy aviators early this morning and twenty-two bombs were dropped. The victims included seven who are inmates of hospitals.

### PARKER'S SCHOOL HOUSE ITEMS

Happenings in and Around Parker's School House

On Friday afternoon a very interesting debate was held at Parker's school. The query being: Resolved: That Cigarettes are more harmful to the body than whiskey. Those on the affirmative side: Minnie Esther Thorne, Sallie Whitehead, Tinye Johnson, Nannie Gooch. Those on the negative were R. C. Joyner, Lewis Griffin, John Wiggins, Elijah Boswell. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative side.

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock a debate is to be held at Parker's School house. Also a free concert. After the concert, boxes will be sold, for the benefit of the school. Girls in and around the neighborhood are requested to bring boxes.

A Literary Society has been organized by Miss L. M. Jones for the grammar grades of Parker's School. The officers were elected by ballot. For president, Miss Sallie Whitehead was elected. Miss Minnie Esther Thorne was elected vice-president; Clyde Joyner for Secretary and John Wiggins Treasurer. The program committee are: Rosa Leigh King, Nannie Gooch and Tinye Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Joyner and son Clyde, also Miss Lena Jones, and Cynnye Crisp motored to Goldsboro Saturday afternoon. While there they visited the asylum and other places of interest.

Mrs. Josephine Parker and sister Miss Lucy Edwards spent the weekend in Raleigh with Mrs. Parker's daughter who is attending school at St. Mary's.

### Colored Man Helping His People

Editor of the Times:—The following which appeared in Kinston Daily News of March 7, is of general interest, and of special interest to several of your readers; may I ask your reproducing it in your paper?

Jas. E. Holder.

A large congregation gathered at St. Augustine A. M. E. Church in this city on Tuesday night in response to the call of Rev. James E. Holder, who, charged by the State Health Department with the organizing of the North Carolina Negro Health and Civic League in the state, gave on the occasion, an illustrated lecture on the hookworm and afterwards organized the Kinston League.

The work of the League is to be carried on through local leagues organized throughout the State, and Kinston has the honor of having the first one organized here. Over 40 persons enrolled as members, including all the city pastors and teachers.

Dr. J. S. Mitchener, County Health Officer, was present and delivered a very stirring address.

The Kinston League, as all others when they are organized, will be registered in Raleigh at the Bureau of Engineering and Education, under whose supervision Rev. Holder will hold the office of State Director.

### BIG ICEBREAKER SINKS

Copenhagen March 11.—The Hindenburg, a big German icebreaking steamer in the North Sea was sunk today by string a mine and a number of the crew was lost.

### MAJOR PETERSON WILL RETURN

Without Orders From the War Department.

Columbia, S. C., March 11.—Major George Peterson will return to Raleigh from Columbia without orders from the war department this afternoon or in the morning.

## THE AUSTRIANS ARE REPULSED

Attempt to Penetrate Lines of  
The Italians on the  
Paive

### GUNS SUNK RAFTS SOME OF THEM

Rome March 10.—Austrian troops apparently making an attempt to cross the river Piave were prevented yesterday by the Italians who sunk their rafts in them in the river opposite Farary, the war office announced today.

### HAS FINGER CHOPPED OFF TO STAY IN WAR

Paris, March 9.—After having been taken out of the trenches because of his stiff index finger, the cause of his being taken out of the war entirely "Bob" Scanlon, the American Negro volunteer who has been in the French Foreign Legion for nearly three years, recently went to London and ordered the surgeon of a military hospital there to "chop" his finger off.

The surgeon demurred. "Chop it off," demanded Scanlon. Then seeing the doubtful look in the surgeon's eyes, Scanlon added quickly:

"Oh, I'm no shaker. I don't want that finger off so I can't pull a trigger again. My middle finger's still good and they won't have me around with my fore-finger stiff. I can convince them I've used my middle finger from childhood and then they'll let me go back to the boys in the Legion."

Scanlon was led into the operating room. He refused to take an anesthetic. He said:

"I've seen enough blood in this war, and some of it's been my own. I guess I can stand a little more of it. Get out your cleaver."

He lay on without a grimace, the forefinger was cut off close to the knuckle. A young American volunteer nurse in the hospital fainted as she held the basin, and Scanlon grinned in amusement as a young doctor picked her up and carried her off.

Scanlon arrived in Paris last week and is now back with the One Hundred and Seventieth Regiment. His finger has completely healed. He writes that he now has a machine gun of his own and that all is "hunky dory." Scanlon doesn't care whether the finger is off or not. He writes:

"I want to be where there's something doing. When things start up on the American front I want to come over, but things ain't as lively there now as they are here."

Scanlon has taken part in a number of amateur bouts at the front and also has been "developing" several promising young French lightweights in the ranks. The American Legionnaire has been three times wounded.

### TODAY'S MARKET

#### COTTON

(By the Associated Press)  
New York, March 11.—The cotton market showed renewed nervousness today and fluctuated widely. Liverpool did not fully meet the local decline of Saturday and opened steady at an advance of from two to thirteen points, but reactionary sentiment was encouraged by the expectation of smaller consumption for February. The market eased off after the call under liquidation.

New York, March 11.—Cotton futures opened steady with March 32, May 31.45, July 30.95, October 29.80, Dec. 29.55.

#### COTTON AT NOON

March 31.97; May 31.60; July 31.06; October 29.99; December 29.60.  
Spot cotton on Wilson market 31c.

#### STOCKS

New York, March 11.—The Coppers furnished the greatest strength at the firm, but dull opening of the stock market. American Anaconda and Inspiration gained a point each while Mexican Petroleum, Southern Railway and other shares made similar advances. The leading averages indicated a further accumulation following the lead of Reading, Lehigh Valley, Chesapeake and Ohio, United States Steel but soon recovered its loss. Liberty bonds were steady.

## AFTER THE ENEMY SNIPERS

Party of Americans Venture  
Out in Broad Day Light  
And

### SECOND LINE TRENCHES

With the American Army in France, March 9.—A party of the Americans in a listless mood in front of their lines east of Toul early this morning discovered an enemy patrol fixing its own wire, and promptly opened fire. The Germans retreated, leaving two of their number hanging on the barbs.

Two hours after daylight a party of three Red Cross workers emerged from the enemy lines and started for their comrades entangled in the wires. The Americans saw the Red Cross brassards and did not fire on the party which removed the bodies.

There has been increased sniping activity along the whole of the American front during the last 24 hours. One enemy post gave the Americans special trouble during the night lacing well aimed bullets on certain points of the line. After daylight the post still continued working from shell holes with periscopes. American snipers tried to silence the enemy from their line, but were unsuccessful.

A sniping patrol was then organized by the Americans and went out in broad day light. The result of this expedition has not been reported. The game of sniping the sniper is still continuing. Reports from various points show that enemy riflemen are endeavoring to pick off American troops.

Today was the warmest in many weeks. The weather was fine and with just enough ground haze to make conditions ideal. All the Americans who were not on duty took advantage of hot sun to thaw out and to dry their clothes.

During last night and today the German dropped phosgene shells on several of the American battery positions and mustard shells in the rear of the line. Three gas alarms were given on the front within a few hours. Owing to the quickness of the Americans in adjusting their gas masks the shells did no damage.

On one end of the American line the enemy laid down a barrage after having concentrated a rather heavy bombardment. The American artillery put up a counter-barrage as a precaution against a raid, but no raid developed. While this was going on the enemy dropped a score of gas shells on a town directly in the rear, but the anxious gas did no damage. On the other end of the line the American gunners laid down a barrage on the enemy line. All along the front the American artillery shelled the German front and second line and communication trenches.

### EXIT TROTSKY

Lenine and Long Hair Fall Out  
London, March 11.—Leon Trotsky and Lenine have fallen out and Trotsky has been dismissed as Foreign Minister after a quarrel between the two.

The differences between the two is said to have grown out of the recent peace terms made with the Germans. Trotsky, it is said maintained that the peace terms as agreed upon were made under duress and therefore were not binding and the constitutional government of Russia should not ratify them. On the other hand Lenine contended that the peace terms were made in good faith and it was the duty of the country to stand by them. He further said that even if the terms of peace were hard that Russia had a number of times compelled in time better conditions from her masters.

### 2 KILLED, 23 INJURED AT WINCHESTER, KY.

Winchester, Ky., March 9.—Twelve persons were killed, ten of whom were children twenty-three persons severely injured. It was found necessary to remove them to the Clark County hospital and about thirty others less seriously hurt, here tonight. The walls of a burned building adjoining a moving picture theater collapsed.

## AMERICA MAKES RAID

On the Enemy and Carry the  
First and Enter  
The

### SECOND LINE TRENCHES

With the American Army in France, Sunday, March 10.—American troops co-operating with the French carried out three raids opposite their sector in Lorraine. The Americans swept through the first line trenches and penetrated the second line 620 yards back.

### WHAT PARIS SAYS

Paris, March 11.—The American troops made a bold raid on the German lines in Lorraine last night the war office officially announces.

### FIRST OF EXPURGATED LIST OF CASUALTIES

Washington, March 9.—The War Department today issued the first of its expurgated casualty lists containing the names of one captain, one lieutenant, and eighteen men killed in action, a lieutenant and a cadet killed in aeroplane accidents one lieutenant and twelve men dead of diseases, a lieutenant and twenty-three men severely wounded in action and thirty-six men slightly wounded.

The War Department's order deleting the next of kin addresses and dates from the list was officially explained today as having resulted from representations of the French government to General Pershing that the casualties as published in this country made accessible to the enemy valuable information.

At the same time the order of the department was brought up in the Senate, Senator New of Indiana, introducing a resolution requesting the department to inform the Senate why the order had been issued, if such information would not be inconsistent with the interests of the service. Senator New asked immediate adoption of the resolution, but Senator Williams of Mississippi, Democrat, objected and the matter went over until Monday without debate.

In explaining the reasons for the order Major General Peyton C. March, acting chief of staff made public a paraphrase of the cablegram received from General Pershing recommending the change.

General Pershing said the French Government and called attention to the unquestioned valuable information which the Germans could obtain from statements giving the exact number of casualties resulting after a raid from official statistics in the form of casualty lists which gave the precise effects of a gas attack. He recommended that the system be changed so as to omit everything which might be of value to the enemy.

General March explained that the French Government has never issued a casualty list of any kind since the beginning of the war. Instead the war office in Paris as soon as a name is received notifies the mayor of the town from which the soldier came and the mayor, personally, notifies the soldier's family, or next of kin. The British Government according to the chief of staff, issues weekly lists which contain only the information now given out in Washington, while the German Government long ago discontinued the practice of posting in towns the names of the killed or wounded from those towns.

It is the intention of the department to give out the lists as soon as they are received from abroad, it was explained. Until further notice one list, a day will be published by the adjutant general's office, memorized copies being provided for newspaper correspondents.

### CHINA WILL CO-OPERATE

And Help Japan Protect Allies' Interests in Siberia.

Peking, China, March 11.—In answer to a question from Japan as to her cooperation in protecting the interests of the allies in Siberia, the Chinese government today announced that it will send two divisions of troops to the full railway line between the Chinese and Japanese borders.

## TWO DEATHS OF AMERICAN

Announced by the War  
Department as Result of  
Accident

### WHILE IN FRANCE

Washington, March 11.—The War Department today announced the death of two American soldiers who were killed in an aeroplane accident while in France. The names of the deceased are: Harvey J. ... The details of the accident are being investigated.

### On Monday

opened up a ... missing ... and did ... that it was for the ... boys for the ... School ... the ... investigation ... Mr. Charles Lamm ... per Barnes, Ernest ... Lamm and ... near-by for the ... their debates which ... gently disposed of on ... night. In order to ... plans successfully the boys ... Mr. Charles Lamm President ... meeting with Mr. Samp Taylor ... assistant. The boys practice ... debates in regular order. When ... the boys served dinner ... soft drinks and apples as ... ments. The boys decided that ... too long to have their speeches ... rately, so they mounted a ... apiece and went to work. ... the boys were against ... Arbitration while two boys ... favor of it. But as they ... friends they did not fight ... When the day passed the boys ... woods feeling themselves com ... debate the strongest debaters.

On account of the weather the liminary debate of High School postponed until Tuesday night. In the debate were, affirmative, Barnes, Jasper Barnes, Lewis and Florence Boyette. Negative, Tomlinson, Samp Taylor, Lucas, and Charles Lamm. The ... Messrs. Ed. Newsome, ... Bass and Ernest Redding, ... favor of Jasper Barnes, Lamm, Pearl Barnes, Loris T ... son.

On Lucama grounds Friday noon the Rock Ridge boys and played the Lucama boys and ... game of basketball. It was a ... game in favor of Lucama ... was 14 to 16 in favor ... Lucama's making quite a ... far. We are waiting to ... championship.

Another declamation contest was held in the school auditorium Monday night. The winner ... contest will represent the ... High School at Wake Forest ... another Declamation Contest ... held with the Recitation ... about Wednesday night. ... certain about the contest ... one Monday night is certain ... body invited to come.

### Lucama High School

#### TOWN WIPED OUT

Lima, Ohio ... at Van Wert ... their house was blown ... cyclone this evening, along ... eral houses across the Penn ... Railroad tracks, according to ... to the Ohio Electric Railway ... er's office here. Conditions ... Van Wert are critical. ... been started out to burn ... houses which were blown ...

### \$700,000 TO FIGHT

Records of the ... of Commerce ... said to have ... Federal grant ... were used at ... disclosed that ... upward of ... than to fight ... was turned ... that ...